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22–26 February 1999
Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Consumption and production patterns.
4. Tourism.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Working Group shall elect, at the commencement of the first meeting, from among the representatives of its members, such officers as may be required. The membership of the Commission is given in annex II below.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Working Group shall, at the beginning of the session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The proposed programme of work of the Working Group is contained in annex I below.

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3. Consumption and production patterns

In its resolution 1997/63, the Economic and Social Council decided that during the period 1998–2002 the Commission on Sustainable Development should continue the practice of establishing, subject to approval by the Council, up to two inter-sessional ad hoc working groups in a given year with a view to assisting the Commission in the preparations for its forthcoming year.

Accordingly, in its decision 6/6, the Commission decided that one working group would be devoted to oceans and seas, and a comprehensive review of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and that the other working group would be devoted to consumption and production patterns, including recommendations for sustainable consumption for inclusion in the United Nations guidelines for consumer protection, as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1997/53, and tourism.

At its meeting on 16 December 1998, the Bureau of the Commission decided that the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Consumption and Production Patterns and on Tourism would meet from 22 to 26 February 1999.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing a comprehensive review of changing consumption and production patterns (E/CN.17/1999/2)

4. Tourism

In its resolution 1997/63, the Economic and Social Council approved the multi-year programme of work for the Commission on Sustainable Development, 1998–2002, as recommended by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session (Assembly resolution S-19/2, annex, appendix).

In its decision 6/6, the Commission, bearing in mind that in its programme of work tourism had been allocated as the economic sector/major group issue for 1999, decided that one of its two working groups would be devoted to consumption and production patterns and tourism.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on tourism and sustainable development (E/CN.17/1999/5 and Add.1–3).

5. Other matters

6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group

In accordance with established practice, the Working Group will submit a report to the Commission at its seventh session.

As decided by the Bureau at its meetings on 16 December 1998 and 20 January 1999, the report will consist of two parts: (i) a Co-Chairman's summary and (ii) elements of a draft decision for future negotiation during the seventh session of the Commission.

Annex I

Proposed programme of work

The proposed programme of work for the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Consumption and Production Patterns and on Tourism is based on recommendations made by the Bureau.

Week of 22–26 February

Monday, 22 February		Opening of the session
a.m.	*Item 1*	Election of officers
		Opening statements by the Co-Chairmen
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	Item 3	Consumption and production patterns
		Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General
		Introduction of results of relevant inter-sessional meetings
		General discussion
p.m.	*Item 3*	Consumption and production patterns
		Continuation and conclusion of general discussion
Tuesday, 23 February*		
a.m.	*Item 4*	Tourism
		Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General
		Introduction of results of relevant inter-sessional meetings
		General discussion
p.m.	*Item 4*	Tourism
		Continuation and conclusion of general discussion
Wednesday, 24 February		
a.m.	*Item 3*	Consumption and production patterns
		Introduction of Co-Chairman's summary
		Introduction of elements for a draft decision

* Should delegations choose to make national presentations, such presentations would be made during the morning meeting of Tuesday, 23 February. The programme of work would be adjusted accordingly.

Wednesday, 24 February (continued)

p.m.	*Item 3*	Consumption and production patterns
		General discussion of Co-Chairman's summary and of elements for a draft decision

Thursday, 25 February

a.m.	*Item 4*	Tourism
		Introduction of Co-Chairman's summary
		Introduction of elements for a draft decision
p.m.	*Item 4*	Tourism
		General discussion of Co-Chairman's summary and of elements for a draft decision

Friday, 26 February

a.m.	*Item 3*	Consumption and production patterns
		Introduction of second draft of Co-Chairman's summary
		Introduction of second draft of elements for a draft decision
		Final comments by delegations on the above documents
p.m.	*Item 4*	Tourism
		Introduction of second draft of Co-Chairman's summary
		Introduction of second draft of elements for a draft decision
		Final comments by delegations on the above documents
	Item 5	Other matters
	Item 6	Adoption of the report of the Working Group
		Closure of the session

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its seventh session

Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda
Belgium
Benin
Bolivia
Brazil
Bulgaria
Canada
Central African Republic
China
Colombia
Côte d'Ivoire
Czech Republic
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Djibouti
Egypt
France
Gabon
Germany
Guyana
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Ireland
Japan
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Mozambique
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Niger
Pakistan
Panama
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Slovakia
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United States of America
Venezuela
Zimbabwe